

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS  
January 5, 2023  
10:00 am**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Chairman Kenny Whitson called the meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners to order in the CIB Conference Room, 2401 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenny Whitson, Ronnie Smith, Jason Bement, Glen Cates

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stacy Coe

**PRESENT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD:**

Jan Hubbard, Administrator; Richard Hager, Plumbing Supervisor; Dannette Yousey, Plumbing Division Secretary; Stephanie Brown, Board Secretary/ Executive Assistant; Debra Wojtek, Public Relations and Outreach Officer; Stan Scheilz, Plumbing Field Investigator.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Dutton, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Dearman, Local 344; Zachary Tippett, Plumbing Solutions Inc; Mike Skinner, Local 430; Joe Washington, Local 430; Linda Langold, Wes Watkins Tech Center; Cheryl Strech, Wes Watkins Tech Center; Billy Moore, Wes Watkins Tech Center; David Hames, PHCC-OKC, Larry Buxton, CIB Board Member.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

This regular meeting of the State Committee of Plumbing Examiners, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, §§ 301 through 314.

Further, this meeting was preceded by advance public notice filed electronically with the Secretary of State specifying the time and place of the meeting here convened. The Agenda was posted and displayed in public view on the office site of the Construction Industries Board and notice of this meeting was given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior hereto.

18 people have filed a written request for notice of meetings of this public body to date.

Read aloud this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**UPDATE ON PLUMBING ACTIVITY**

Mr. Hager discussed the plumbing activity and provided statistical updates, field contacts, contractor and journeyman counts, and “pass/fail” rates for November 2022. He stated staff worked a booth at the Build My Future, Tulsa event, during which high school students visited different booths and trade organizations. He also spoke with the Mid Del Plumbing class, at which there was fourteen or fifteen students. He informed them about what he does, about CIB’s function and purpose, and what it takes to become licensed as a contractor or journeyman. He advised the Committee that Tim Hillman’s position was filled by Michael Smith in December, and he is currently going through training and doing well.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2022.**

The Committee was provided a draft of the Minutes for the November 3, 2022, regular meeting of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

MOTION PASSED  
Absent: Stacy Coe

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING THE OKLAHOMA HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION LETTER REQUESTING CHANGES TO PLUMBING INDUSTRY REGULATIONS SENT FOR REVIEW BY THE OKLAHOMA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD WITH DIRECTION TO INVOLVE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY PRIOR TO TAKING ACTION, IF ANY, ON ANY SUGGESTION DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER TO INCLUDE CREATING A TASKFORCE TO BE COORDINATED AND OVERSEEN BY NO MORE THAN TWO PLUMBING COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE INDUSTRY.**

Mr. Glen Cates nominated Ronnie Smith to serve on the taskforce.

MOTION MADE BY GLEN CATES WITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO APPOINT RONNIE SMITH TO SERVE ON THE TASKFORCE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe  
Abstain: Ronnie Smith

Mr. Glen Cates nominated Stacy Coe to serve on the taskforce.

MOTION MADE BY GLEN CATES WITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO APPOINT STACY COE TO SERVE ON THE TASKFORCE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY WES WATKINS TECH FOR 390 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THREE-QUARTER (¾) YEAR, OR NINE MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, BILL MOORE, INSTRUCTOR.**

The Committee was provided a copy of the Wes Watkins Tech for 390 hours plumbing program and a copy of the BIO for the Instructor, Bill Moore.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO ACCEPT THE FORMAL PLUMBING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY WES WATKINS TECH FOR 390 HOURS PLUMBING PROGRAM MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THREE-QUARTER (¾) YEAR, OR NINE MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING, BILL MOORE, INSTRUCTOR.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

**Discussion with possible vote on CEU Request:**

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by Plumbers & Pipefitters Training Center, Oklahoma City, OK to add additional Instructors, Brandon Dearman and Christopher Privett on all approved Plumbing CEU Classes continuing education courses.

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MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS, BRANDON DEARMAN AND CHRISTOPHER PRIVETT FOR ALL PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS APPROVED PLUMBING CEU CLASSES.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by The City of Oklahoma City, Viega Press Technology, January 20, 2023, Jonathan Neslony and Christopher Gilge, Instructors, for 2-credit hours.

MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO APPROVE THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY'S CEU APPLICATION AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. dba WC3 Academy, 2015/2018 Commercial Plumbing Inspector, Online, George Williams, Instructor, for 6-credit hours.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY JASON BEMENT TO DENY WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC. DBA WC3 ACADEMY'S CEU APPLICATION DUE TO THE MATERIAL BEING OVER THE 2015 IPC.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

The Committee reviewed the material submitted by West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. dba WC3 Academy, 2021 Commercial Plumbing Inspector and Plans Examiner, Online, George Williams, Instructor, for 6-credit hours.

MOTION MADE BY RONNIE SMITH WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO APPROVE THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY'S CEU APPLICATION AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

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Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
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Glen Cates

Absent: Stacy Coe

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION MADE BY JASON BEMENT WITH A SECOND BY GLEN CATES TO ADJOURN.

Voting aye: Kenny Whitson  
Ronnie Smith  
Jason Bement  
Glen Cates

MOTION PASSED

Absent: Stacy Coe

Minutes approved in Regular Session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023.

/s/ Kenny Whitson  
Kenny Whitson, Chairman

PREPARED BY: /s/ Dannette Yousey  
Dannette Yousey, Secretary to the Plumbing Examining Committee